

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-20.

Please add new claims 21-63 as indicated below.

1. – 20. (Cancelled).

21. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a first interface capable of coupling to a wide area network (WAN);

a second interface capable of coupling at least one device via a local area network (LAN); and

a server having a storage device, the server coupled to the first and second interfaces to retrieve content specified by a user via the first interface from a remote facility over the WAN, to store the content in the storage device, and to deliver the content to the at least one device via the second interface over the LAN under the control of or as specified by the user.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the server comprises a graphical user interface (GUI) to associate the content with at least one of the devices coupled to the LAN and to schedule the time the content is to be delivered.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the content is retrieved and stored in the server according to a first schedule and is delivered to the at least one device according to a

second schedule, and wherein the first and second schedules are different and controllable by the user.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the content is accessible by multiple devices coupled to the LAN based on a schedule specified by the user.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the server synchronizes content specified by the user among the multiple devices according to a schedule specified by the user.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the content is retrieved based on availability information of the content at the remote facility.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the LAN comprises a wireless network.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a database within the storage device of the server to retain personal preferences specified by the user.

29. (New) A method, comprising:
automatically downloading content specified by a user from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN); and
delivering the content to at least one device via a local area network (LAN) under the control of or as specified by the user.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising associating the content with at least one of the devices coupled to the LAN.

31. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising:
scheduling the downloading according to a first schedule; and
scheduling the delivering according to a second schedule, wherein the first and second schedules are different and controlled by the user.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the scheduling of the downloading and delivering are performed based further upon an availability of the content at the remote facility.

33. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising synchronizing content of the at least one device according to a schedule specified by the user.

34. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising retaining personal preferences specified by the user.

35. (New) A machine-readable medium having executable code to cause a machine to perform a method, the method comprising:
automatically downloading content specified by a user from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN); and
delivering the content to at least one device via a local area network (LAN) under the control of or as specified by the user.

36. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the method further comprises:
- scheduling the downloading according to a first schedule; and
 - scheduling the delivering according to a second schedule, wherein the first and second schedules are different controlled by the user.
37. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the method further comprises synchronizing content of the at least one device according to a schedule specified by the user.
38. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the scheduling of the downloading and delivering are performed based further upon an availability of the content at the remote facility.
39. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the method further comprises retaining personal preferences specified by the user.
40. (New) A method for acquiring content, the method comprising:
- receiving one or more preferences from a user via a user interface for the content to be downloaded from a content server over a wide area network (WAN);
 - downloading the content from the content server over the WAN to a server capable of coupling one or more client devices via a local area network (LAN) according to a schedule; and
 - delivering the downloaded content from the server to at least one of the one or more client devices under a control of the user.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the downloading is performed based further upon availability information of the content at the content server.

42. (New) A method for presenting content, the method comprising:
receiving one or more selections from a user for the content to be downloaded from a content server over a wide area network (WAN);
automatically downloading the content from the content server based on an availability of the content during the respective period; and
delivering the downloaded content to one or more client device via a local area network (LAN) under a control of the user.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the downloading is performed based further upon availability information of the content at the content server.

44. (New) A method for presenting content, the method comprising:
selecting content from a Web site using a content selection interface at a local system according to a first time;
downloading the content based on an availability of the content at the Web site at a second time; and
delivering the downloaded content to one or more client devices at a third time specified by the user, wherein the first time, the second time, and the third time are different.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the downloading is performed based further upon availability information of the content at the Web site.

46. (New) An apparatus for viewing content, the apparatus comprising:
a first data processing system capable of communicating with a remote facility over an Internet, the first data processing system having a first interface to select content stored at the remote facility and a scheduling mechanism to schedule a transaction for acquiring the selected content from the remote facility over the Internet; and
a second data processing system communicably coupled to the first data processing system over a local area network (LAN), the second data processing system having a second interface to activate a delivery of the acquired content from the first data processing system over the LAN.

47. (New) The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the scheduling of the downloading of the content is performed based further upon availability information of the content at the remote facility.

48. (New) An apparatus, comprising:
a computing device capable of communicatively coupling to a wide area network (WAN) and capable of communicatively coupling to at least one client device over a local area network (LAN);
a first user interface executable at the computing device, the first user interface allowing a user to select content to be downloaded from a remote facility over the WAN;

a storage device associated with the computing device to store the downloaded content;

and

a second user interface executable at the at least one client device for activating delivery of the stored downloaded content from the computing device to the at least one client device over the LAN.

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the selected content is downloaded from the remote facility to the computing device periodically.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein periodic downloading of the selected content is performed based on availability information associated with the selected content.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, further comprising a database for presenting to the at least one client device downloaded content based on information associated with the downloaded content stored in the storage.

52. (New) A method, comprising:

selecting, at a computing device, content to be downloaded from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN) at a first time;

downloading the selected content from the remote facility and storing the downloaded content in a storage of the computing device; and

activating the delivery of the downloaded content stored in the computing device to at least one client device communicatively coupled to the computing device over a local area network (LAN) at a second time that is different than the first time.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein downloading the selected content from the remote facility is performed periodically.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein downloading the selected content from the remote facility is performed periodically based on availability information of the selected content.

55. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising a database presenting to the at least one client device the downloaded content based on information associated with the downloaded content stored in the storage.

56. (New) A machine-readable medium having executable code to cause a machine to perform a method, the method comprising:

selecting, at a computing device, content to be downloaded from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN) at a first time;

downloading the selected content from the remote facility and storing the downloaded content in a storage of the computing device; and

activating the delivery of the downloaded content stored in the computing device to at least one client device communicatively coupled to the computing device over a local area network (LAN) at a second time that is different than the first time.

57. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 56, wherein downloading the selected content from the remote facility is performed periodically.

58. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 57, wherein downloading the selected content from the remote facility is performed periodically based on availability information of the selected content.

59. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 56, wherein the method further comprises presenting to the at least one client device downloaded content from a database based on information associated with the downloaded content stored in the storage.

60. (New) A method, comprising:

a server receiving a request for content, the request including a schedule for periodically delivery of the requested content;

the server periodically downloading the requested content from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN);

storing the downloaded content at a storage associated with the server; and

delivering the stored content from the server to at least one client device over a local area network (LAN) according to the schedule.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein periodically downloading the requested content is performed further based on availability information of the requested content.

62. (New) A machine-readable medium having executable code to cause a machine to perform a method, the method comprising:

a server receiving a request for content, the request including a schedule for periodically delivery of the requested content;

the server periodically downloading the requested content from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN);

storing the downloaded content at a storage associated with the server; and

delivering the stored content from the server to at least one client device over a local area network (LAN) according to the schedule.

63. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 62, wherein periodically downloading the requested content is performed further based on availability information of the requested content.